

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

AN AMENDMENT #1

**Date:** September 19, 2017  
**Amendment offered by:** David Grosso  
**To:** B22-194, the "DC Healthcare Alliance Recertification Simplification Amendment Act of 2017"

**Version:**

Introduced	_____
Committee Print	_____
First Reading	_____X_____
Amended First Reading	_____
Engrossed	_____
Enrolled	_____
Unidentified	_____

**Amending:**

Sec. 2, Page 1, Lines 29 &34

- The lead-in language is designated as subsection (a).
- A new subsection (b) is added to read as follows:

“(b) Upon request from an applicant or enrollee who is hospitalized, disabled, elderly, or caring for a household member who is hospitalized, disabled, or elderly, the Mayor shall exempt the applicant or enrollee from the face-to-face interview requirement if the applicant or enrollee is unable to complete a face-to-face interview.”.

**Rationale:**

The purpose of this amendment is to exempt individuals from the face-to-face interview requirement who are hospitalized, disabled, elderly, or caring for a household member who is hospitalized, disabled, or elderly. These individuals are disproportionately more likely to face barriers of enrollment in the DC Healthcare Alliance program.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Councilmember David Grosso

FROM: John Hoellen, Deputy General Counsel *JH*

DATE: September 18, 2017

RE: Legal Sufficiency Determination for Amendment  
# 1 to Bill 22-194, the DC Healthcare Alliance  
Recertification Simplification Amendment Act of  
2017

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The measure is legally and technically sufficient for Council consideration.

The proposed amendment to B22-194 would amend proposed new section 7b of the Health Care Privatization Amendment Act of 2001, effective July 12, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-18; D.C. Official Code § 7-1401 *et seq.*), to require the Mayor to exempt a DC Healthcare Alliance applicant or enrollee who is hospitalized, disabled, elderly, or caring for a household member who is hospitalized, disabled, or elderly from the face-to-face interview requirement, upon request from the applicant or enrollee.

I am available if you have any questions.

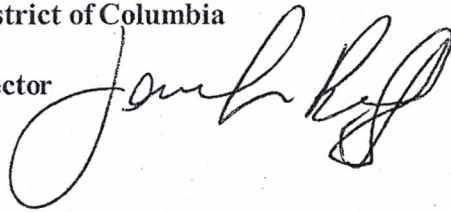
**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Budget Director**



Jennifer Budoff  
Budget Director

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**TO:** The Honorable Phil Mendelson  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Jennifer Budoff, Budget Director 

**DATE:** September 18, 2017

**SHORT TITLE:** B22-194 "DC Healthcare Alliance Recertification Simplification Amendment Act of 2017"

**TYPE:** Amendment #1

**REQUESTED BY:** Councilmember David Grosso

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**Conclusion**

This amendment will not have an adverse impact on the District's budget and financial plan because there are no costs associated with implementing these changes.

**Background**

The amendment grants the Mayor the authority to exempt the applicant or enrollee of the DC Healthcare Alliance from the face-to-face interview requirement if and applicant or enrollee is deemed to be unable to complete it. The amendment seeks to ensure that individuals who are hospitalized, disabled, elderly or caring for household member who is hospitalized, disabled or elderly can be exempt from the face to face requirement. Current Alliance rules allow waivers, upon request, for beneficiaries who are hospitalized, disabled, or elderly. This amendment expands the allowance of waivers to care-givers, which would have a negligible impact on cost.

**Analysis of Impact on Spending**

This amendment will not impact spending.

**Analysis of Impact on Revenue**

This amendment will not impact revenue.